

HAS PERCY MARTIN BEEEN IN PRISON?

Tennessee Authorities Write That
Train-Robber Was in Their
Custody Three Years.

TELLS OF HIS FAMILY

Says He Will Take His Medicine
Like a Man and Will Be a
Good Citizen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, VA., January 11.—The most
sensational incident yet occurring since
the arrest of Percy Martin, in connection
with the train robbery, leaked out here
late this afternoon. A letter came to-day
addressed to Sheriff Beales from the au-
thorities of Tennessee, enclosing a pic-
ture of Martin, which is said to be a
good likeness of the prisoner. This letter
stated that Percy Martin had served a
term of three years in the penitentiary of
Tennessee. Your correspondent tried
in vain to get a look at the letter.

This new phase of the case will lessen
the sympathy felt here for the prisoner,
who has been looked upon as a misguided
youth, who, in an evil hour, had been
tempted and fallen.

Promises to Be Good.

Martin was visited by your corre-
spondent this morning in the jail. He
occupied last night the same cell which
Powley was taken from yesterday. He
had requested the sheriff not to allow
any one to come in unless it was some-
one who had something for him, but as
soon as the sheriff informed him that I
was a newspaper man, he said it was
all right, and I was admitted. The pris-
oner was dressed nicely, wearing a blue
suit of clothes; the brass vest buttons
bore the name of the Union News in
raised letters. He looked quite hand-
some and was very gentlemanly in his
bearing. He has become composed, and
talked calmly and without the slightest
signs of emotion. He said he was mar-
ried about sixteen months ago to Miss
E. J. Chambers, of Huntington; that
he was the son of B. J. Martin, of At-
lanta, Ga., an ex-Confederate soldier.
His mother was a Miss Boone. He was
educated at the common schools of At-
lanta, and went out as a newsboy at the
age of thirteen, and had traveled on
nearly all the roads of the South.

For the last three years he has re-
sided in Huntington, W. Va. He has a
brother living in Atlanta in the furniture
business, with whom his parents live.
Another brother, who is assistant divi-
sion superintendent of the Metropolitan
Life Insurance Company, and lives in
St. Louis. Two more brothers are farm-
ers living in Southwest Georgia. He
said he had no children and that he was
the youngest of ten children. He had
been drinking heavily before the crime
was committed on the Seaboard, and
just before the daring act began he
drank half pint of whiskey, and was
crazed from this, coupled with financial
and other troubles.

He said he would have some of the
best citizens of West Virginia here who
would testify at his trial as to his char-
acter and habits of life heretofore.

"While," he said, "I expect to be pun-
ished, I am going to appeal for mercy."
He expressed much gratitude for the
kindness shown him by the police and
Detective Baldwin, but said he was
especially grateful to the people here
for kindnesses.

"I expect to be punished," he added,
"and I will take it like a man, and
when my term of service is over I will
be a good American citizen and believe
in God."

He has not heard from his wife since
he left her, nor any of his family. The
greatest source of sorrow to him was
the thought of the wrong he had done
his wife, and the trouble it will cause
her.

He said he had been misrepresented
by the newspaper correspondent in as-
sociating Powley with him in the rob-
bery. He had never connected him in
any way whatever with the crime.

DEDICATE SCHOOL.

Interesting Exercises to Be Held
at Red Hill To-Day.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RED HILL, ALBEMARLE CO., VA.,
January 11.—The large and beautiful
new High School building was completed
just before Christmas, but the school
did not take up its abode there till
January 1st. The moving of the school
into the new building was an occasion
of great joy to both the school and the
patrons. To have such a school and so
adequate a building has been the dream
of some of the older citizens for many
years. The dedication of the school,
which was to take place on New Year's
day, was postponed till to-day. County
Superintendent Joseph W. Everett, School
Examiner C. G. Maples, Professor Stone,
of the University of Virginia, and R. B.
Payne, of Charlottesville, were present
and set apart the new and handsome
building for the purpose for which it
was erected.

The school is very large, and Professor
Maples and his efficient assistants, Miss
Myrtle Kirkman and Miss Ethel White,
are doing splendid work.

Mrs. George W. White, after having
been quite sick for several days, is con-
valescing.

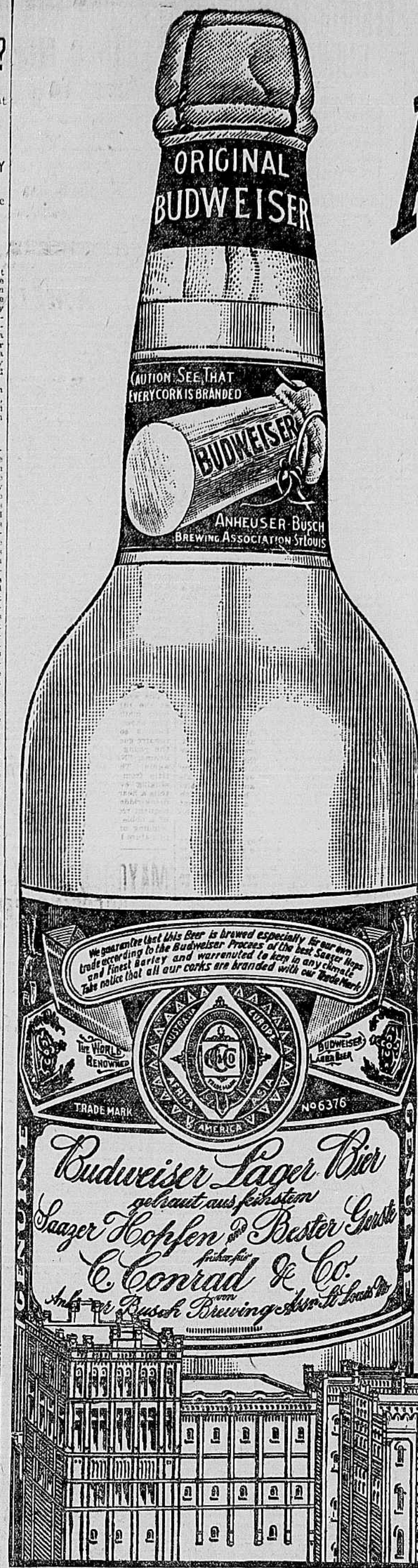
Mr. E. B. Bowden has returned to
Kunath, Lunenburg county, after a stay
of several days in this vicinity.

Mrs. Pogue, matron at Western State
Hospital of Staunton, returned to Staun-
ton on Monday after a visit of several
days at the home of her daughter, Mrs.
A. W. Rothwell.

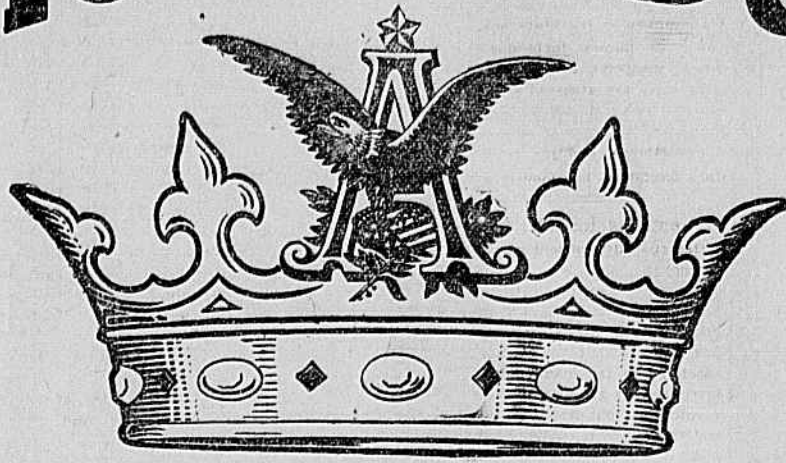
The Ladies' Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church held its monthly
meeting at the Baptist parsonage on
Wednesday. A goodly number of its
members were present. After the society
had finished attending to business Rev.
and Mrs. Bowden served dinner for the
guests, which was greatly enjoyed by all
present.

Midlothian Odd-Fellows.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MIDLOTHIAN, VA., January 11.—The
following candidates have been initiated
as members of Cooper Lodge, No. 85, I. O.
O. F.: W. H. Jones, Dr. J. R. Fisher,
J. A. Spears, R. W. Duffer, J. J. Jewett,
Dr. W. D. Snyder, J. W. Gee, Jr., J. W.
Jewett, Jr., W. L. Lester, E. L. Field, C.
W. Morrisette, A. D. Walthour, T. Doug-
lass Burfoot, M. C. Horner, J. W. Jeffries,
Belwyn Haddock, C. L. Wood, Luther
Holt, J. S. Conby, William G. Owens,
John A. Lester and L. S. Bass.
Supper was served after the initiation.
The attendance at the meeting included J.
G. Saunders, G. W. Blankenship, E. S.
Moody, all of Manchester, and Rev. J. C.
Harry, Bon Air. The old members who
were back were, W. W. Lee, Sr., Willis
Weister, John Miles. On the last Satur-
day in this month they will receive others
wishing to join.
At 8 P. M. Saturday, January 12th, the
Masons will meet at the Masonic Hall
here in order to give Dr. Mickle's third
degree.



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1865	8,000 Barrels
1870	18,000 Barrels
1880	131,000 Barrels
1890	702,000 Barrels
1900	939,768 Barrels
1901	1,006,495 Barrels
1902	1,109,315 Barrels
1903	1,201,762 Barrels
1904	1,365,711 Barrels
1905	1,403,788 Barrels

1906 - 1,543,468 Barrels of Beer

Budweiser

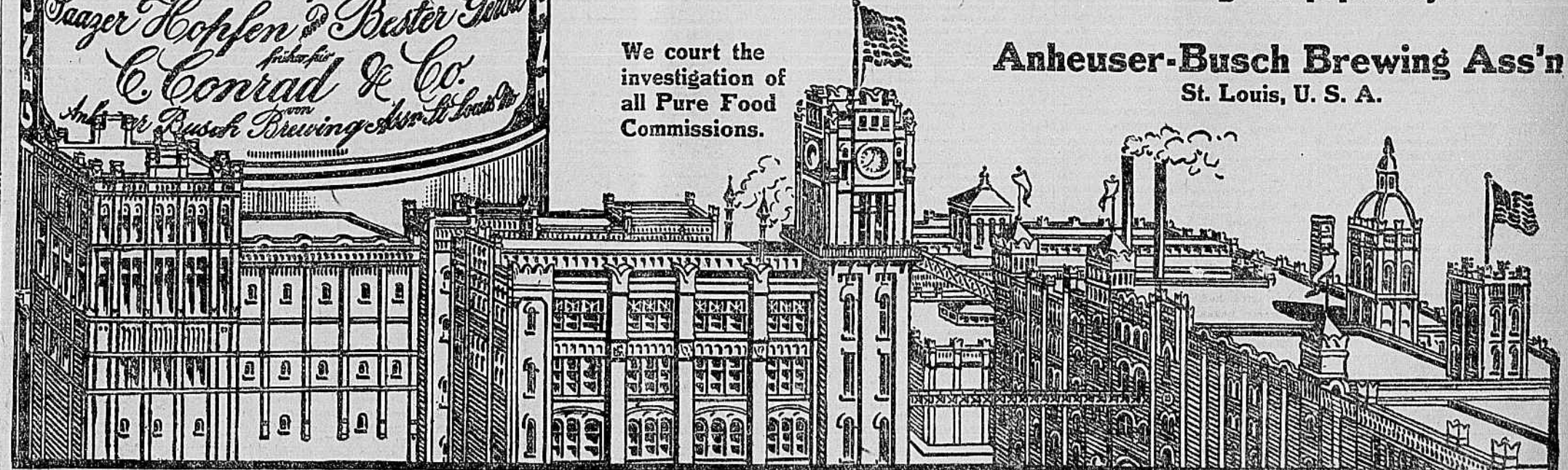
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NEW POSTAL SERVICE OUT OF FREDERICKSBURG

Ninety-Five Additional Families
Will Be Served on This
Route.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 11.—
Postmaster John M. Griffin, of this city,
has been advised by the postal authorities
at Washington that an additional rural
free delivery service will begin March
1st from this city, extending into Staf-
ford county, covering a distance of eight-
een miles daily, serving ninety-five fami-

lies, representing a population of 350.
Time of trip each day, from 7:30 A. M. to
1:30 P. M.

A. W. Evans, a well known farmer of
Stafford county, while in Alexandria one
day this week, lost his pocket-book on
the street, containing a considerable sum
of money.

The week of prayer service, alternating
at the different churches each night this
week, a different minister preaching at
each service, closed to-night at the Pres-
byterian Church, Rev. R. A. Williams,
pastor of the Baptist Church, being the
speaker. These services have been well
attended, and were the means of much
good.

Mr. Thad. Jett, of Stafford county, while
cutting down a tree near his home yester-
day, was caught under the tree as it
fell, receiving serious injuries, which are
causing much apprehension to his friends.
Messrs. Chichester and Chichester, of
this city, have purchased from Judge A.
T. Embrey a valuable brick business prop-
erty on Commerce Street.

PROF. PAGE MAKES INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Enters Upon His Duties as Head
of School of Economics With
Helpful Talk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January 11.—
Dr. Thomas Walker Page, who recently
came from the University of Chicago to
fill the chair of economics in the Univer-
sity of Virginia, delivered his inaugural
address to-night in Cabell Hall, his sub-
ject being "Commercialism in American
Life." Dr. Page called attention to the
fact that every period of prosperity has
been attended by very much the same
spirit of fraud and dishonesty, and that

out of these periods has grown in time
the highest bloom of civilization. He dis-
cussed the methods now proposed of lim-
iting the commercial spirit and manifes-
tations, especially the effort to curb
them by legislation. Dr. Page also re-
ferred to Judge Parker's theory of re-
straint by the common law and the pro-
posal of President Roosevelt and others
to control them through publicity of their
methods, and showed the insufficiency of
any method yet advanced, unless such
method is attended by the calling out of
our moral reserves. The leadership in
this work must be undertaken by educa-
tors, using the word in its broadest sense.

Mr. John C. Moore and his wife, of
Columbia, S. C., are on a visit to his
brother, Mr. J. S. Moore. Mr. John C.
Moore is an old Richmonder.

The Rev. E. T. Dadmun, pastor, will
preach in St. James's Methodist Church
to-morrow at 11 A. M. on "Unhindered
Prayer." At night at 8 o'clock the
theme will be "The Own Place."

GIVE JOHN SMITH EIGHTEEN YEARS

Negro Will Spend This Period in
Penitentiary for Criminal
Assault.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
NORFOLK, VA., January 11.—John
Smith, charged with having committed a
criminal assault on Mrs. Mollie Leggett,
a white woman, in Princess Anne county,
was tried for the second time in the
Corporation Court here to-day. He was
found guilty and his punishment fixed at
eighteen years in the State Penitentiary.
Mrs. Leggett failed to positively identify

the negro as her assailant. The trial of
Smith was transferred from Princess
Anne to Norfolk city in November be-
cause of threats to lynch him in the
county. A company of State troops took
him from Norfolk to Princess Anne, but
it was deemed inadvisable to take the
prisoner off the train.

The first trial of the case here resulted
in a hung jury, ten members of the jury.
It was said, voting for the death penalty,
and two for eighteen years' imprison-
ment. Some members of the jury to-day
favored the death penalty. Attorney E.
R. F. Wells, one of those appointed by
the court to defend the accused man, will
ask for a new trial. He states that he
does not think that the evidence against
Smith at all conclusive.

Bishop Duncan Improved.
SPARTANBURG, S. C., January 11.—
Bishop Duncan, of the Methodist Epis-
copal Church, South, who has been
seriously ill for some time, was much
improved to-day.